

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A process for the ~~preventive and/or current~~ display of transmission costs in the transmission of ~~data of Internet data and/or on-line data~~ by a services/information provider to a subscriber, including:

~~characterized by the fact that prior to a pending transfer of data, transferring an additional~~ a protocol element (9) is transferred by the services/information provider (6) to the subscriber's terminal unit (1), ~~which wherein the protocol element contains an indication of the pending volume of data;~~

~~recognizing such that the protocol element (9) is recognized as such by at one or more transit nodes of the telecommunications networks (3, 4, 5) that are involved in the transmission and/or telecommunications networks (3, 4, 5) and is supplemented;~~

~~supplementing as needed the protocol element (9) by a corresponding partial cost proportion based on a transmission through the one or more transit nodes of its own; and, ultimately,~~

~~evaluating the protocol element (9) is evaluated in at the subscriber's terminal unit (1); and a display of the displaying a total of pending transmission costs is displayed at the subscriber's terminal unit (1) via browser software; and~~

~~displaying, with the browser software, a menu (10) such that the subscriber institutes the transmission of the data or refuses the transmission based on the total of pending transmission costs.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, ~~characterized by the fact that wherein the protocol element (9) contains includes one or more additional price-relevant criteria, such as selected from a group consisting of:~~ quality of service; priority of transmission, routing instructions; price group; contractual comments; degrees of security; and an indication of the sender; etc.

3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized by the fact that~~

~~the evaluation wherein evaluating at the subscriber's terminal unit occurs includes calculating the total of pending transmission costs based on the protocol element (9) by via calculating means that are of special options in configured with the browser software that is used in the terminal unit (1), as a result of which the protocol element (9) is recognized as such, the corresponding calculations are performed, and the result is displayed.~~

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 4, ~~characterized by the fact that~~wherein the menu (10) encompasses additional~~includes menu points that to initiate other activities~~ transfer options at the subscriber's terminal unit (1), wherein said transfer options are selected from a group consisting of: direct transmission; disruption of the transmission; transmission cost options; and data storage.

6. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~one of the claims 1 through 5, further including indicating with the~~ characterized by the fact that a particular protocol element (9) that is transferred prior to every data transmission is introduced, thus rendering it possible ~~an option of electing to receive the data for subscriber to elect whether he would like to receive these data or not.~~

7. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~one of the claims 1 through 6, further including providing a means for programming to the subscriber, wherein the means for programming provides for automatically confirming transmission demand~~characterized by the fact that an individual user data or cost limit, beneath which an automatic delivery of data occurs, can be programmed by the user in combination with a standard protocol element (9) such that the user's terminal unit (1) automatically confirms all transmission demands.

8. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~one of the claims 1 through 6, further including:~~  
setting either ~~characterized by the fact that a data limit or a cost limit that is set by the subscriber~~ at the subscriber's terminal unit (1);

~~automatically transferring is automatically transmitted to the data limit or the cost limit from the subscriber's terminal unit (1) to the service/information provider (6); and~~

~~automatically transferring following which the service/information provider (6), for his part, automatically demands a confirmation/denial option of the pending transmission from the service/information provider (6) to the subscriber's terminal unit (1) by the subscriber for all data deliveries above said data or cost limits~~ this limit.

9. (Cancelled)